

HP FACT SHEET #6: WHEN SHOULD I DO ARCHAEOLOGICAL SURVEYS?

Since 1984, HUD has promoted the following advice on when to do archaeological surveys. It applies to both Part 50 and Part 58 programs.

Archaeological surveys and related work may be approved when HUD or the Responsible Entity is persuaded that the undertaking probably will affect property that is listed on or eligible for the National Register of Historic Places, especially where HUD or the Responsible Entity believes that there is a very high probability that a site contains, and the undertaking will affect, National Register resources. The Department expects such cases to be limited to the following:

- (1) Cases where a site contains resources already determined eligible for or listed on the National Register;
- (2) Cases where a site is immediately adjacent to sites that have yielded National Register eligible or listed resources;
- (3) Cases where preliminary site work (e.g. previous surveys or predictive models) has disclosed resources whose National Register eligibility is established so that any additional work would affect resources that are National Register-eligible.



This advice supports the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's 1995 *Policy Statement on Affordable Housing and Historic Preservation* by limiting archaeological surveys to certain situations.

Implementation Principle #8:

"Archeological investigations **should not be required** for affordable housing projects that are limited to rehabilitation and require minimal ground disturbance activities."

NEED ADDITIONAL HELP?

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